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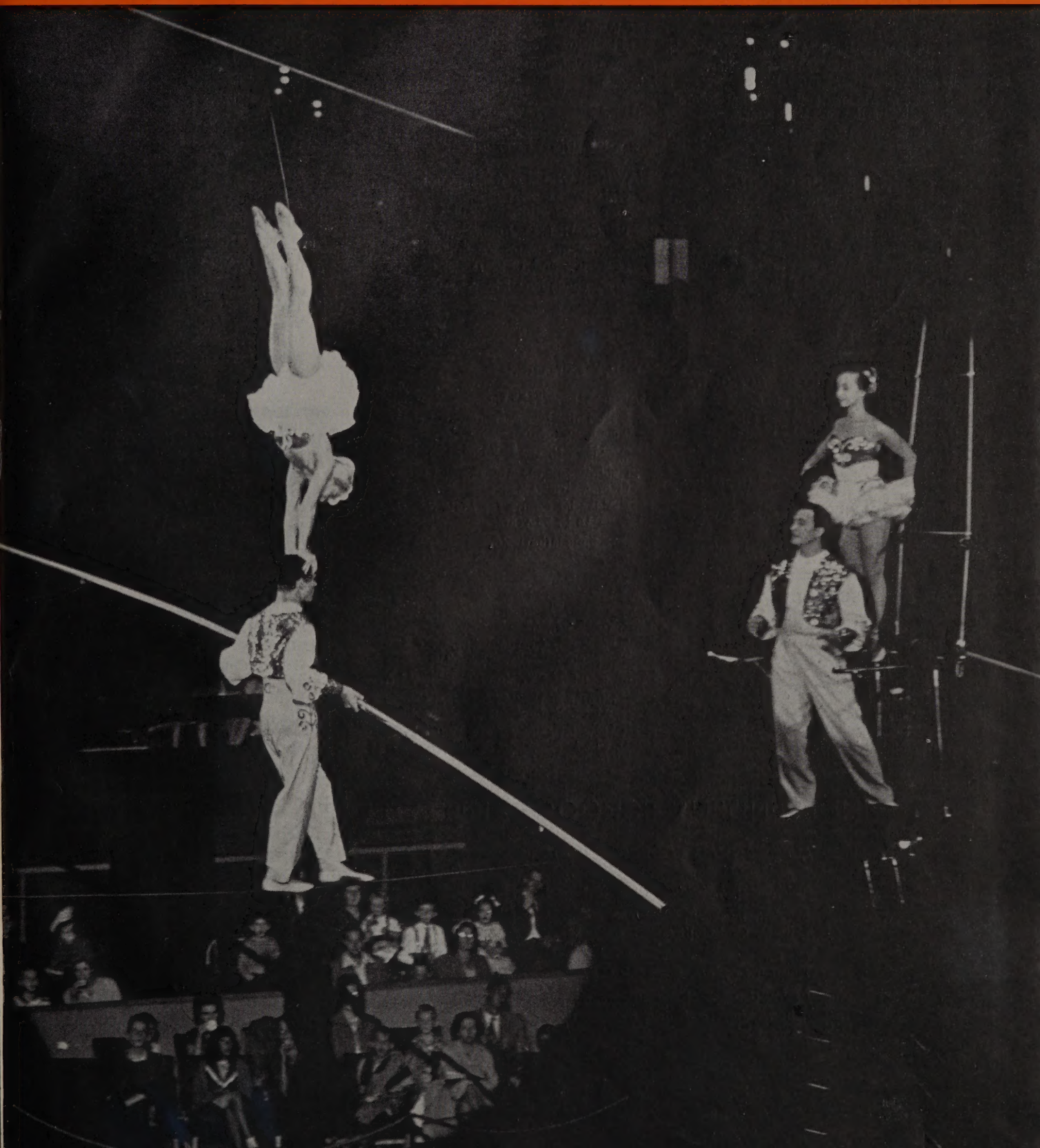
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SPASTICS NEWS



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Accommodation 49.

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Accommodation: 34.

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Special education for severely disabled children with cerebral palsy who live in the Five Northern Counties.
Accommodation: 32 Day pupils.
40 Boarders.

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FRONT COVER

EQUILIBRIUM ON A HIGH WIRE

THE New Year is the time for celebration as well as stock taking and what more delightful way to entertain the children than a visit to a circus or pantomime.

It seems as if the couple balancing so precariously along the slender wire towards the comparative safety of their colleagues represent our own hopes for a secure future.

But to the attentive children such thoughts are far from their minds. Rightly, they are content to thrill to the glitter and suspense of this most exciting of all circus acts.

Solution to Christmas Crossword

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8. Lingo	27. Haste	4. Natal	18. Smelt
9. Virgo	28. Large	5. Elves	20. Gold
10. Whale	29. Adder	6. Spree	21. Myrrh
12. Nominal	30. The First Noel	7. Void	22. Sheaf
15. Steed		11. Haunt	23. Oscar
19. Hanging Matter	DOWN	13. Osaka	24. Yeast
20. Games	1. Felon	14. Ingle	25. Pedro
	2. Annam	16. Totem	26. Carol

FOR YOUR DIARY

MISS SHIRLEY KEENE, the Society's Lecturer, has the following engagements (these bookings are subject to alteration):

- January 4th, 2.30 p.m. Petersfield British Legion (Women's Section), Thomas Lord Hall, West Meon, Petersfield, Hants.
- January 9th, 2.30 p.m. Nursery Nurse Students, Chiswick Polytechnic, Bath Road, Bedford Park, W.4.
- January 11th, 8.30 p.m. Oxshott Young Conservative Association, Women's Institute Room, Oakshade Road, Oxshott, Surrey.
- January 18th, 2.30 p.m. New Malden Methodist Young Wives' Fellowship,

Wesley Hall, Cambridge Road, New Malden, Surrey.

January 22nd, 1.00 p.m. Rotary Club of Romford, Golden Lion Hotel, High Street, Romford, Essex.

January 23rd, 7.30 p.m. Rugby Women's Gas Federation (venue not known).

January 25th, 2.30 p.m. Lamorbey East Residents' Association, Ladies' Group, Sidcup, Kent (venue not known).

January 31st, 2.45 p.m. The Salvation Army Home League, Mayes Road, Wood Green, N.22.

February 5th, 2.45 p.m. The Inner Wheel Club of Chingford, May's Bakery, Bacon Road, Chingford, E.4.

8.00 p.m. Monday Club, Banstead Congregational Church, Banstead, Surrey.

February 7th, 8.00 p.m. Society of Christian Endeavour, Tooting Junction Baptist Church Sunday School, Langley Road, S.W.19.

February 8th and 9th. Vocational Assessment Course, XIII. Arundel Hotel, Westcliffe-on-Sea, Essex.

February 15th, 2.00 p.m. Ley Hill Women's Institute, Memorial Hall, Ley Hill, Chesham, Bucks.

February 21st, 8.00 p.m. Young Wives' Group, Rolenden Village Hall, Rolenden, Nr. Maidstone, Kent.

February 22nd, 2.30 p.m. Slade Green Young Mothers and Babies, Slade Green, Kent.

February 28th, 2.45 p.m. Ebenezer Methodist Women's Own, Church School Room, Alexandra Road, Sheerness, Kent.

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THE dawn of 1962 is a good time to look back on the Society's achievements of the past ten years and forward to the future.

Certain facts stand out. The number of national centres now runs into two figures, local groups into three, and local centres and the facilities they provide would take hours of paper work to out-line. Welfare departments have been set-up and have flourished and more and more help is becoming available month by month to various groups of spastics.

Probably even more important over the years has been the change of attitude on the part of the general public and authorities. Sometimes the former get the name wrong—it comes out as “plastic” or “splastic”. But the correct word is known and recognised. Good co-operation is now being shown to us by national and local authorities throughout the country.

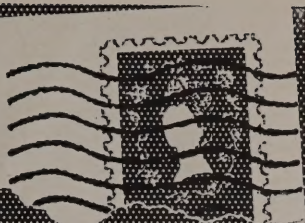
I think it could be said that our public image stands high.

The Society's course has veered a little in its ten years but our task remains to help and care for those for whom there are no existing facilities yet, and to find the best way of helping so that our example may be followed.

We perhaps cannot hope to out-do the record of the last ten years but we can look forward to the next decade with confidence and encouragement founded on our past achievements.

The Chairman.

from the Mailbag



SHIRLEY'S PRESENT

Dear Editor,

A parcel was delivered by hand to the Society. It was addressed to me and when I received it, I looked at the familiar shape and decided that it was a returned film. But when I unwrapped it—inside was a magnificent brief-case! Hurriedly I searched for an enclosure. This was all I could find:

"Dear Miss Keene,

It was noticed the other day after you had given one of your talks, that your brief-case had seen better days. Therefore we shall be very pleased if you can make use of this one in furthering the good cause which you so vigorously champion.

Kindest regards from all."

The brief-case is wonderful and much needed, for the poor battered object I carried has been mended innumerable times. The only snag is I haven't any idea who to thank!

I can only ask you to print this note and hope that the kind giver will accept my very sincerest thanks.

Yours sincerely,
(Miss) SHIRLEY KEENE
(N.S.S. Lecturer).

MORE THAN A PENN'ORTH!

Dear Editor,

On receipt of an urgent message I went to Hebburn to see Mrs. Raine of Hebburn-on-Tyne, Co. Durham, where I collected £4 8s. 0d. from a lantern box left there only a few weeks previously.

Apart from the box in her fish and chips shop, she sells scores of our Christ-

mas cards and has about 200 clients for the Pools, a group which she has built up herself.

Mrs. Raine is a wonderful person and it's some "place" she's got there!

Yours sincerely,
W. DIXON,
South Shields,
Co. Durham.

A SUBSCRIBER'S GOOD WISHES

Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed eight shillings for another year of happy and interesting reading which gives us all great encouragement to try even harder to overcome our disabilities.

I should like to thank all the staff who work so hard to give us help at all times. You deserve a very happy, blessed New Year and, of course, lots of success to the SPASTICS NEWS in your new home.

Yours sincerely,
(Miss)
JEAN CRAIG,
Reading, Berks.

(We should be pleased to receive the subscriptions for SPASTICS NEWS, 1962, from those readers who have been sent renewal forms. However, do not send any money if you have not received a form, as this complicates our records—ED.)

JERSEY POOL

Dear Editor,

I thought readers might like to see a model of our pool project which I constructed for our summer garden fête. It is made on a $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch scale and taken from the plans.

The pool fund is coming on very well indeed and one very handsome sum of £177 0s. 2d. was sent to us by the barman of the Demi Des Pas Hotel. He had built a church of pennies with three spires, front steps and complete with bride standing in the porch. People on the island are so very helpful.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,
A. W. FILLEUL,
Hon. Secretary,
Jersey Branch.

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ENVELOPES FROM 6¢



Model of the swimming pool at Jersey



POLARIS ENSIGN FOR CHILDREN

Naval Officer Visits Craig-y-Parc

IN the Adventure Museum of Craig-y-Parc School lies a folded Stars and Stripes—a very special one, for it is the ensign used by the U.S.S. “George Washington” when she made the first ever cruise by a Polaris submarine.

The man who presented this historic ensign on November 22 was Lieut.-Commander S. M. Jenks, who flew down specially from the American naval base at Holy Loch in Scotland. He was the navigator on the submarine “Nautilus” when she made her historic trip under the North Pole.

The American officer was met at the airport by two members of the teaching staff, Mr. Gwyn Smith, deputy principal, and Mr. Bryant. By the time they arrived at the school the children were already in the Assembly Hall and bursting with excitement and impatience. They had been told only that morning that the Adventure Museum was to be pre-

sented with a further exhibit.

The great moment came. Commander Jenks entered the Assembly Hall to be introduced by Mr. Smith—in the unfortunate absence of Mrs. Kearslake, the headmistress, who was ill—as “the gentleman who has actually been under the North Pole.”

Ship of Peace

When that wave of excitement died down, Commander Jenks told the children of the U.S.S. George Washington and her purpose. He described her as a “ship of peace.”

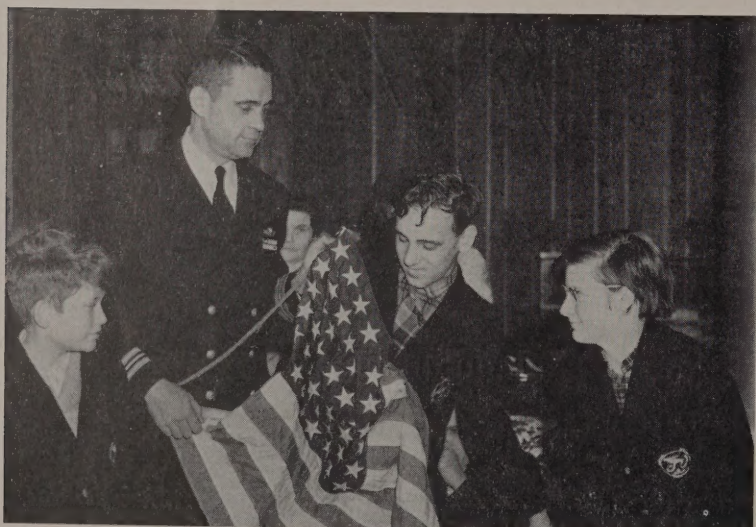
He went on to tell them that the ship can stay under water for at least two months, that the crew eat ice-cream every third day, and that the ship’s purifier can make 8,000 gallons of drinking water every day.

But one small boy decided that this information was not enough. “What time do you get up?” he asked. Said the commander, “People are sleeping and getting up all the time in the submarine.” But he added that breakfast on the George Washington was at about 7.15 a.m.

The ensign was accepted on behalf of the Adventure Museum by 14-year-old Gordon Smith of Avening, Stroud, Gloucestershire, whose form is responsible for the museum. He told the Commander that, whenever they looked at the flag they would remember him.

Later Commander Jenks was shown some of the classrooms and spent some time talking to the children at their desks and admiring their work. Mr. Smith explained what they were doing at the school.

Then the Commander left for Cardiff station on the return journey to Holy Loch where his ship was ready to leave on another underwater patrol “sometime before Christmas.”



Courtesy: Western Mail & Echo Ltd., Thomson House, Cardiff

Lieut.-Commander S. M. Jenks, executive officer of the U.S.S. George Washington, presents the flag from the first Polaris submarine to Craig-y-Parc School for Spastics, Pentyrch, near Cardiff. The flag was received on behalf of the school by Gordon Smith, of Gloucester. It will be placed in the Adventure museum



Wedding Bells

Rejoicing in their happiness, the newly-weds hug each other outside the Registry Office in Weybridge where they were married on Saturday, November 11. The bride is Miss Daphne Daniels, a spastic girl who is well known to the Society and who is remembered with affection by all the students who attended the November Assessment Course. Her groom, Mr. Leonard Davey, who is also handicapped, is employed in a large engineering firm in Weybridge where the couple have a flat. Daphne works as a telephonist at a stationers in Euston Road.

Croydon Success

Congratulations to Croydon and District Branch of the N.S.S. for their magnificent day of fund-raising on December 2. In one day they raised £775!

It began when Miss Charmian Innes opened a Christmas bazaar in St. Peter's Hall, Ledbury Road, South Croydon, a function which ended in record net takings of £450. This total was increased by £300 during the day by the "minstrels" of Addington Toc H with their barrel-organ parading the streets. And a social and dance in the evening brought in a further £25.

Variety Plus

The biggest ever variety show in Worthing is being planned by members of Worthing Lions' Club, who are forever working unobtrusively for charity. The date is February 18, 1962, and the place, the Pier Pavilion. Their aim is to raise £1,000 for spastics in one evening.

"It will be the biggest every variety show to be held in the town," says Larry Prince, the organiser. "The show is to be produced by Fred Wilby, who was Sir Charles Cochran's production manager for 20 years and who is now one of the top ATV producers. He will spend the entire week-end here producing the show."

Tickets, priced 10s. 6d. and one guinea, are on sale to the public from the Lions' Club members. Already over £80 worth of tickets have been sold. Many top stars are being

contacted and the programme should look and read like a show-biz "Who's Who"!

Karen—A Cheap Edition

The first cheap edition of *Karen—The story of a Family*, by Marie Killilea, has just been brought out. It is No. 72 in Cedar Books and is priced at 3s. 6d. First published in 1953, the book received high praise and sold more than 12,000 copies. Marie Killilea has put on record the story of her daughter who was born a spastic—a moving, inspiring and splendid chronicle.

Parents Discuss Problems

Education for life after school for young spastics and family aspects of cerebral palsy were the subjects under discussion at a one-day conference for parents held at St. Leonards-on-Sea. There was a good attendance from Kent, Surrey, Sussex and Hampshire.

Parents heard talks by Miss F. Townsend, senior social worker, Mr. H. B. Davies, head of the Thomas Delarue School and Miss M. Morgan, employment officer. The conference was organised by the South East Regional Council and the hosts were the Hastings and District Group of the N.S.S.

Hastings are at last to have a centre of their own in or near the town and the N.S.S. has voted them sufficient money to build and equip, or buy and equip, a centre catering for the eastern part of East Sussex. This will enable them to extend their treatment scheme and to provide additional facilities on a full-time basis.

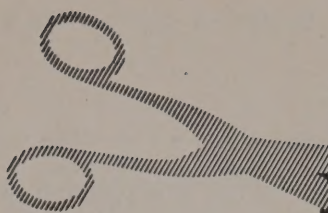
Our Super Boxes!

Like "Super Car" you find our boxes everywhere—on land, on the sea, now under the sea! In this case 22 miles off shore the depth of the water is 70 feet! The curious contraption is called an "Hubinsel". The men live on it for months at a time, erecting Wellhead Towers which collect "Black Gold" from under the ocean bed. Black Gold is their name for crude oil. To pass their lonely leisure time they play darts, dominoes, drink canned beer, and collect lots of money for spastics.

Balloons, children's delight, are as much a part of the party season as fruit cake and jellies. This happy picture was taken at the Christmas bazaar held by Bishops Stortford and District Group, Herts Spastic Society.

(Courtesy: Herts and Essex Observer)





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NEWS IN BRIEF

Dublin:

When it comes to raising money for their National Association for Cerebral Palsy the Irish certainly arrange some interesting events. At a dog show held in November there were more than 400 entries spread over 20 classes. But it was England which held the floor. An English setter was chosen by Sir Edmund Grace as the dog he would most like to bring home!

(Edited from Irish Times)

Croydon:

Come the winter the charitable sports' enthusiasts turn out in force. At Croydon Constitutional Club, Bedford Park, devotees watched well-known billiards and snooker personalities, Joyce Gardner and Jack Rae, in an exhibition match. The sum of £150 raised by this exhibition for the local spastics' society is believed to be a record. Would that be a "cue" for more play along those lines?

(Edited from Croydon Times)

Isle of Wight:

The Isle of Wight tug-of-war championships committee at Newport has not, however, being doing so well. At a recent meeting it was decided to wind up their affairs. A credit balance of £33 was divided between the Isle of Wight Spastics Society and two other Island charities.

(Edited from Isle of Wight County Press)

Lincoln:

Their first square meal for weeks? If not exactly true the 50 "tramps" (not beatniks) who sat down to a supper at the Red Lion Hotel, Revesby, certainly tucked in. Looking as scruffy as possible with blackened faces, the "tramps" managed to raise £80 for the local spastics society.

(Edited from Lincolnshire Standard)

Wembley:

The bazaar run by the Wembley Spastics Society at St. James's Hall, Alperton, raised £104. Young people from the Spastics Club played their part in the day's success by running competitions.

(Wembley News)

Norwich:

Ladies of England have certainly become conscious of their "crowning glories" these past few years. Instead of hiding under hat—remember the get-ahead-get-a-hat-days?—they concentrate on nature's own generosity. So much so that a large crowd were happy to turn out to watch a fashion show of hair styles given at a store in Norwich. The proceeds—they went to the Norfolk and Norwich Spastic Association of course, where else?

(Edited from Eastern Daily Press)

Southport:

The aims of the Southport, Formby and District Spastics Society include care, welfare, treatment and education and the provision of clinics and training centres. There is also an idea of purchasing a flat in Southport where spastics could stay for short periods. These aims were made clear at their annual meeting and it was agreed to compile a list of all spastics in Southport and surrounding districts.

(Edited from Liverpool Echo)

Southampton:

Over 150 children, some only two years' old took part in a ballet, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" at Holbury. Proceeds went to the Southampton and District Spastics Association.

Colne:

Colne now has an official representative on the Burnley Area and Rossendale Spastics' Group. At the group's monthly meeting Councillor B. Davidson, who represents the town, appealed to spastics, their parents and friends to make themselves known to him to ensure that they are fully represented at future group meetings.

(Edited from Colne Times)

North London:

The North London Area Association of Parents and Friends of Spastics urgently need a new and bigger headquarters. On a visit to their present centre in the British Legion hut at Crouch End, the Mayor and Mayoress of Hornsey promised to do all they could to help. They had been most impressed with the work being carried out and commented favourably on the happy atmosphere that existed between the officers and the families.

(Edited from Hornsey Journal)

Weybridge:

The Rag Week held by Weybridge Students' Society early in the summer proved an outstanding success. Last month a cheque for £843 11s. was presented to the North West Surrey Group of the N.S.S. to go towards the White Lodge Centre now being built at Ottershaw. It is hoped to have White Lodge open in May. Dr. H. C. Watts, the patron of the "rag", in handing over the cheque, said that in the old days when people heard of a "rag" they thought of something not respectable. But the modern "rag" encouraged students to have an interest and to organise themselves.

(Edited from Surrey Advertiser)

Northampton:

Recently customers at the Spencer Arms, Chapel Brampton, heard that their cheque for £110 would help Northampton and County Spastics Society over the brink towards raising £8,000 for the two new classrooms at the John Greenwood

Shipman Home. Councillor E. F. Tomkins, chairman of the spastics' society, thanked the landlord, Mr. Ted Dexter.
(Edited from Chronicle and Echo)

Colwyn Bay:

Two performances of "Painted Sparrows" were given by the Abbey Players at the Prince of Wales Theatre, Colwyn Bay. Proceeds went to the Colwyn Bay and District Branch of the N.S.S.

(Edited from North Wales Weekly News)

Crewe:

The annual bazaar organised by Crewe and District Spastics Society raised about £350 to be used in the running of their centre in Richmond Road.

(Edited from Crewe Guardian)

Surrey:

The TV Entertainers team played against Swan Amateur Boxing Club in a match for the spastics' fund at Oatlands Park Recreation Ground. The amateur boxers kept up an almost non-stop attack and won 5-1.

(Edited from Surrey Herald)

Swansea:

The annual carol service by the children of the Pontardulais Welsh School, presented at Hope Chapel, was again this year in aid of Swansea and District Spastic Association funds.

(Edited from South Wales Evening Post)

Methyr Tydfil:

Spastics and other handicapped children and the Boys' Clubs of Wales benefited from a charity football match played at the Welsh Metal Industries' ground at Caerphilly on Sunday, December 17.

The match was between the Television Entertainers' XI and the Good Sports' XI. The referee was former world fly-weight, Rinty Monaghan.

(Edited from Merthyr Express)

Edinburgh:

The Edinburgh Spastic Association have their eye on a new play centre in Corstorphine but it will cost a lot of money to acquire and equip. The target figure for money raising is £20,000.

(Edited from Evening Dispatch)

Ipswich:

Miss Susan Jupp, daughter of Mr. R. A. Jupp, the N.S.S. Hon. Secretary, became a seller of handkerchiefs at the Christmas Bazaar run by the Ipswich and East Suffolk Spastics Society. The bazaar, held at Diocesan House, Ipswich, was opened by the Mayor of Ipswich, Mrs. C. Green.

(Edited from East Anglian Daily Times)

Sale:

Looking as calm and unruffled as ever Mrs. Lil Stockdale chatted with guests at the recent Sale, Altrincham & District supper dance. No-one would have guessed that she was flying off to Australia a couple of days later to visit her married daughter and see

something of the work for our cause down under. Mrs. Stockdale hoped to be back for Christmas, as she didn't like the thought of missing the festivities with the children and friends at Pictor House.

Sheppey:

The Sheppey Sub-committee of the Medway Towns Branch of the N.S.S., formed in the early part of this year, has since accomplished a great deal. All persons eligible for membership have been registered and arrangements made to transport young people to and from the therapy centre in Maidstone. Box placing has got under way and already £150 has been raised from this source. Money-raising functions, a dance and two jumble sales, helped augment the funds, and a dance is being planned for January 13. Good work for a young committee!

(Edited from Kent Messenger)

Bournemouth:

Total profit on a bazaar run by the Bournemouth, Poole and District Spastic Society was £343. The Society is to consider running two bazaars next year—one at Bournemouth; the other at Poole.

(Edited from Bournemouth Times and Directory)

Manchester:

A young boy walked into the Christmas Fair at Manchester and District Spastics Society's headquarters as a customer—and gave organisers and staff one of their nicest ever Christmas presents. For a year ago he could not move a few steps without assistance. Then he started to attend nursery classes and physiotherapy lessons at Rodney House and began to progress.

The Christmas Fair, which was opened by "Coronation Street's" Ken Barlow (William Roach), raised over £200 for spastic funds.

(Edited from Manchester County Express)

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BIRTENSHAW HALL

SPECIAL SCHOOL FOR SPASTICS

THERE is a significant thing which strikes you when you visit Bolton: almost everyone has heard of Birtenshaw Hall Special School for Spastics at Bromley Cross. That is tribute indeed to the headmaster, the school managers, and the Bolton and District Group of the N.S.S.

Birtenshaw Hall is a modern registered school for 36 children. Nineteen of them are resident and the remaining 17 children attend school daily by means of special transport provided by the local council. The school itself consists of recent extensions to a period house, parts of which date back to the 18th century. Much of the latter was rebuilt in 1939 after a severe fire had destroyed a large part of the premises.

This excellent school, which opened fully at the beginning of 1957, is the result of considerable planning by the Group and has much to offer the spastic child in a bright and cheerful atmosphere. In addition to normal educational facilities provided in three classrooms, physiotherapy and speech therapy is available for all the children by full-time resident employees.

Modern Unit

The entrance to the new unit is modern, impressive, yet simple. Panels of glass reach from the roof to the ground to allow the maximum light through into the entrance hall. Inside, the first floor has been cut away to give a balcony effect so that the staff on the upper floor can supervise the activities of the children on the ground entrance hall.

Stepping into the old house is like arriving home. This is the residential centre, with dormitories upstairs—each with its own bathroom—and, on the ground floor, the kitchen, dining-room, play-room, offices and domestic staff room.

The headmaster, Mr. D. A. Hiles, lives with his family in a new house in the grounds.

Future Plans

There are proposals to extend the school to provide facilities for at least 10 nursery spastic children, facilities including an additional classroom, speech therapy and physiotherapy specifically for infants, and a large hydrotherapy pool. The total cost of these extensions is estimated at between £10,000 and £15,000, but it is hoped to obtain a 50 per cent grant from the Ministry of Education.

Staffing at Birtenshaw Hall is generous. It includes the headmaster, three teachers, two full-time physiotherapists, one full-time speech therapist, a secretary, five full-time house masters, cook and kitchen help and two general assistants, one of whom works in the well-equipped laundry.

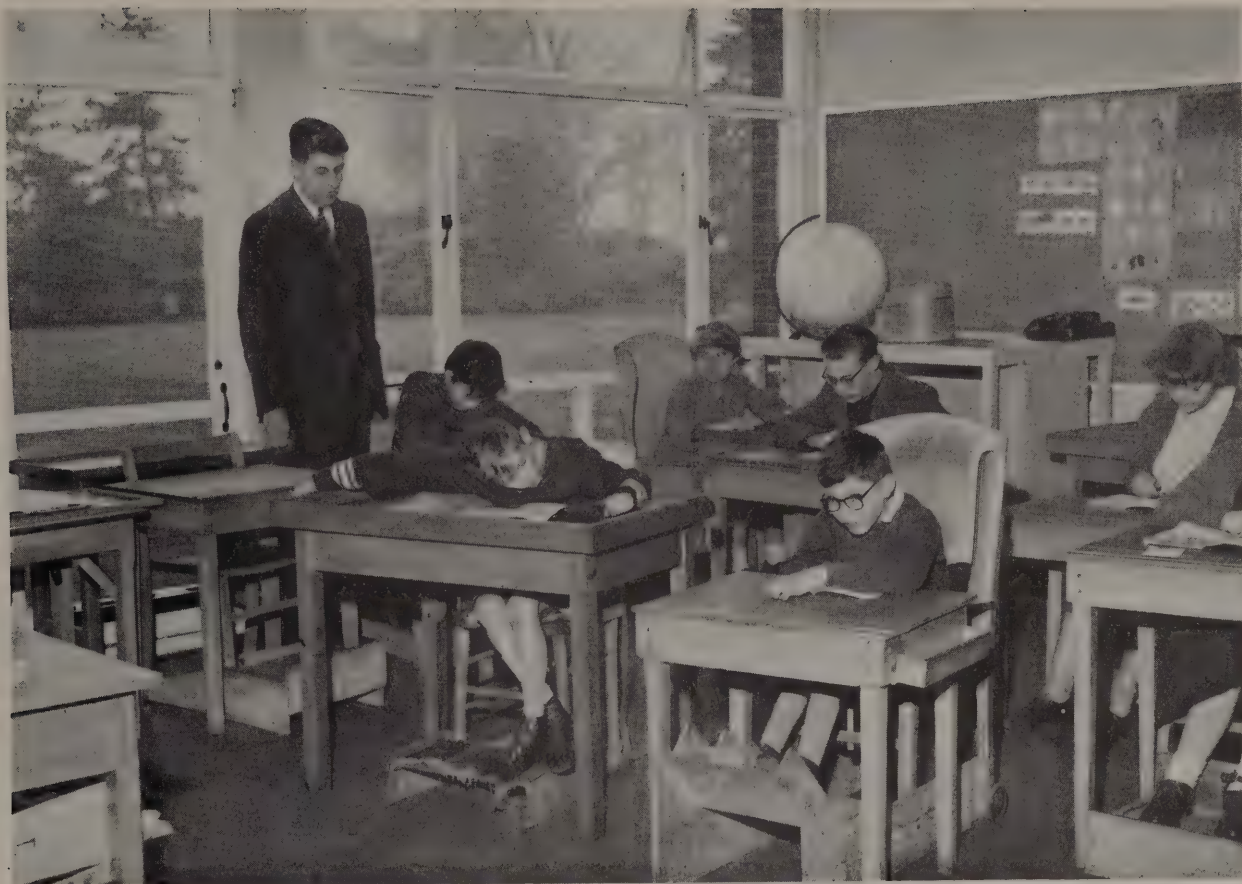
One of the innovations at the school, which has had a remarkable success, has been the introduction of week-ends at home for resident children. After school on Friday the children eagerly await the arrival of their parents. Then off they go home until Sunday evening.

"This started in September (1960) on a trial basis," says the headmaster, "and proved so successful that it has been decided to retain it as a permanent feature, subject to the continued co-operation of the parents concerned."

At the moment Mr. Hiles is making a film about life at Birtenshaw Hall, a film which will stand as a memorial to the achievements of one of the most active groups in the country.

Lessons are over for a while, and now it's time to eat. These youngsters are leaving the new unit on their way to the dining room





(Above): A typical classroom scene at Birtenshaw Hall

(Below): But it's not all work. There's always time to try on those costumes for the Nativity Play

Margaret Greg Centre

A few spastics in Bolton are catered for by a small occupational centre, the Margaret Greg Centre, which the welfare department of the local authority have provided for handicapped persons of all types and age groups. The work carried out there is almost entirely occupational therapy, under the guidance of two extremely competent and qualified occupational therapists.

If the transport difficulties could be solved, this centre could also provide accommodation for spastics immediately outside the council boundaries. But the county authorities are not prepared to co-operate in this way.

One of the main problems facing the Bolton and District Group at the moment is the absence of any facilities for spastics immediately over school age. For these older spastics, they hope in the future to evolve a plan which is likely to take the form of special homes built by the local Group and handed over to the local council.

The Group consider there are about 80 spastics in the area and feel that one of the urgent needs at the moment is for a work centre—not specifically for Bolton spastics, but one whose activities can be devoted to the wider group in the North West Region,



THE

STARS

**“The
happiest and most success-
ful ball to date”—that was the general
verdict of those who attended the seventh an-
nual Stars Ball, organised by the Stars Organisation for
Spastics, in Grosvenor House, London, on Monday, December
4th. One cause for contentment may have been that the attendance
had dropped by 230 to just over 1,000, due entirely to the unavoid-
able absence of 22 prominent S.O.S. members who each usually bring large
parties. Still, there was more room to dance. ✱ As always, Vera Lynn’s
Tombola, with its array of 1,300 glittering prizes—all presented by the manu-
facturers of the various articles—opened at 8 p.m. with one tremendous swoop
by all the guests. Inside 70 minutes they had spent £1,450 on tickets and cleared the
tables of all the prizes! The next foray was on sellers of raffle tickets, the first prize be-
ing a trip by air via Italy to New York and back for two people—presented by Alitalia.
✱ Supper at 9.30 p.m. was followed by a witty speech from Lord Mancroft, who was
introduced by Kenneth More and who proposed the toast, “The S.O.S.” The reply was
made by the new S.O.S. chairman, Brian Rix. ✱ Then it was cabaret time, and a
“fabulous” one at that. Introduced by “The Silhouettes”, 12 girl dancers well known to
TV viewers, there followed dance numbers by international ballroom champions,
Peter Eggleton and Brenda Winslade, a comedy dance routine by Joyce and Lionel
Blair (who were introduced by Sandra Caron, Alma Cogan’s Sister), a baffling ex-
hibition by the boy magician Johnny Hart, and finally the wonderful Ballet Trianas
from Spain. Nearly all those appearing had been included in this year’s Royal
Variety Show. ✱ The cabaret gave way to 90 minutes non-stop dancing
to the wonderful rhythm of Cyril Stapleton’s Show Band—and all the time
£1,200 was being collected in money and promises for a swimming pool
at Colwall Court, much of the collection being thrown (in notes and
cash) into a model of the pool surrounded by flowers and
placed next to the band. ✱ The Press commented:
“Once again let it be said that the Stars Ball is the
social event of the year in Show Busi-
ness.” ✱ Well done, the
S.O.S.**

BALL

1961



The Countess of Westmorland, chatting to Lord Mancroft, looks pleased as the success of the ball becomes apparent



Vera Lynn presents two air tickets to America to prize-winner Mrs. R. Mason. The new S.O.S. chairman, Brian Rix, looks on



(Can you name the stars?)



VOYAGE TO A FUTURE

Assessment Course on the High Seas

LAST month we gave you the news that a party of 12 young spastic boys and girls had sailed off on a 14-day cruise as guests of the British India Steam Navigation Company. They sailed in the M.S. *Dunera* to Madeira, Teneriffe and Lisbon, a voyage which combined relaxation with one of the Society's assessment courses.

Now they are home again, filled with memories, laden with souvenirs and ready to face the future with zest.

Below are extracts from two diaries written on the voyage: one by Miss M. Richards of the Employment Department, who was one of the leaders on the cruise, the other by Glenys Bell, one of the students—

Miss Richards—

Thursday, November 9th

To a party leader, sharing responsibility for twelve young spastics embarking on a 14-day Educational Cruise, the sight of 350 teenagers in a variety of school uniforms converging on one ship is a pretty shattering experience: but not nearly as shattering as when half an hour after sailing, all these teenagers have changed into slacks and sloppy-joes, all looking exactly alike and swarming everywhere, and you are trying to find your own group to warn them of the impending emergency drill. You race along the length of the ship, up and down between the six decks and the only recognisable faces are other party leaders whom you have already met ten times in the last five minutes looking equally harrassed. Somehow we collect our respective broods, learn how to put on our life jackets, and pack into the Assembly Hall for our first introduction to the life we shall lead in the next fortnight.

Any student who thought he was in for the traditional cruise, lying back in a deckchair in the sun, has had a nasty shock. This is a floating co-educational boarding school. From reveille at 7.15 a.m. until lights out at 10 p.m., time is very fully occupied, what with classroom sessions, lectures, deck games, visits to bridge, engine room, laundry, galleys and "spare time activities". Students will be responsible for their own dormitories and a demonstration is given of the only acceptable way to make up a bunk. The assembly disperses, dazed with all the information. Party leaders sit back satisfied that their own part in the proceedings sounds quite easy, and look forward to the deckchairs and sunshine . . .

Friday

After a rough night there are some reluctant risers and even more are reluctant to face breakfast. Neat brown paper bags are piled in readiness in quite unexpected places but the more apprehensive of us carry at least one half-opened

bag with us wherever we go. Our pale green group is waiting in the classroom for an introductory discussion on "Why we are here", and nobody makes the obvious remark of "Why indeed"!

At the party leaders' conference we face some disillusionment as to our duties. Apart from the responsibility at all times to see that our group is in the right place at the right time and the more specific charge of providing work during class sessions, party leaders are required to organise clubs for sketching, boxing, debating, water polo, chess, dancing instruction and impromptu speaking, competitions for deck-tennis, and hockey, the library, a ship's newspaper and a concert. There is some lack of enthusiasm. Most of us have never run clubs of any sort before, much less for 350 prospective members. But five minutes later Mr. Allman and I find we have volunteered to help with the deck-tennis, the dancing instruction and the concert. In addition to these spare time activities a duty roster has been compiled which provides for



at least two members of staff to be available at all times to quell any riots or other anti-social tendencies, whether in the cafeteria, quiet room dormitories or anywhere at all. There are 24 of us. Heigh-ho!

Saturday (Bay of Biscay)

We hove-to last night in force 10 gale. The ship was like a cork on the water and this morning the swell is still enormous. Furniture in the lounge rockets round the room with or without its occupant, crockery is smashed in the dining room, and everywhere pale 13-year-olds clutch their paper bags and stagger around as best they can. The sick

are exhorted to lie down, to keep walking, to steer clear of fats, to eat sugar, to avoid alcohol, to drink brandy, to get plenty of fresh air. They try all these remedies simultaneously, and are worse than ever! The day's programme is abandoned and a session of "Gay Gordons" proves one of the most effective cures. Passengers are continually commenting on how remarkable our group is, all of whom are on their feet and quite cheerful.

Sunday

There is still a heavy swell but the sky is brilliant and with church bells sounding over the loudspeaker and students

dressed up for morning service there is a completely different feeling in the air. An impromptu concert is suggested for the evening—each dormitory to provide one item. An anxious consultation with our group and David Page admits that he can sing. Right, he's in! Frantic rehearsals during the afternoon, as props are improvised and items are timed. It is all very chaotic but the evening's audience is unbelievably cheerful and generous in its applause, and excitement is very high by the time the concert ends. The crowd disperses and rival groups who have been too shy to contribute in the concert begin to compete with each other now for the amount of noise they



can make, and sound as if they will tear the ship apart. A couple of ship's officers go into action and lead a rowdy conga line back to the recreation room and start a sing-song which lasts two hours until everyone is hoarse and exhausted—and in an amenable state for bed.

Monday

Work begins in earnest and at last the sea is calm enough to make the practical work we had brought with us a reasonable proposition. We collect names for our representatives in the various clubs and activities. Michael wants to sketch. Barry does not mind making an impromptu speech. Glenys will think about an article for the paper. And everyone wants to have a go at deck games. An hour later I retreat from a game of deck hockey. Too rough, our lot!

Glenys Bell—

Tuesday

Judging from the noise on deck, everyone was up and about at 5 a.m. to watch our approach to Madeira. Men in little boats piled high with basket work and embroidery shouted encouragement to us to buy from them and in spite of all the warnings to wait until we embarked dozens were tempted and parted up with too many Escudos for too little bargaining. As the harbour was not deep enough to take the *Dunera*, we had to anchor out—outside in the Bay and be taken ashore in launches.

We all piled into coaches to be taken on a tour of the island, and what a beautiful island it is. The coaches travelled along the rugged coast line before stopping on top of a cliff that was 2,000 feet high. For a glorious half-hour we wandered around enjoying the fantastic view of the sea and the surrounding mountains. People from the villages had brought up their beautiful hand-made wares to sell to us but, after the warning that they were selling at much higher prices than townspeople, they didn't have much success.

We returned to Funchal the capital of Madeira, passing through some of the quaint little old towns and villages that lie scattered over the hills and country side just outside Funchal. Surrounded by field upon field of bananas and sugar cane. Every road was lined with masses of tropical plants and cacti of the most lovely shapes and colours.

On arrival back in Funchal, we decided to tour the town in an oxen-drawn cart. The ride lasted an hour, stopping at a linen factory where part of the island's

fine embroidery is made and at a wine cellar where we sampled some of the famous Malmsey wine, another product of Madeira.

Later in the afternoon our party split up for a shopping spree—after all there were girls among us. The cobbled streets of Funchal were shaded by tall leafy trees growing on each side, save for the smaller side streets which were narrow and quite dark. However, I for one found them fascinating and would have been content to spend several days exploring them instead of the few short hours we had. Students had been told that they may not bring alcohol or flick knives aboard! Otherwise the field was open, and at 5.30 p.m. an extraordinary collection gathered at the quay. We seemed to have bought up the island . . . rocking chairs, baskets, table cloths, bags, embroidered hats . . . A group of Madeiran students, very elegant in their gowns, came aboard for the evening meal, but had to leave again before the dance. At mid-night the ship sailed and we tried hard to imprint every detail of the island with its thousands of twinkling lights on to our memories.

Wednesday

Work again. While other students had ordinary classroom sessions, our group discussed subjects like finding a job, how to fit in with other people, and ordinary ways of life. Different tests to try the speed and efficiency of each person were set us. Father Coates, the Roman Catholic chaplain on board, led a discussion on "Living with your Handicap", which stimulated interesting comments. We docked at Santa Cruz that evening.

Thursday

Once again another early morning tour. After a visit to the University and a magnificent ride to the top of a very high hill where we had a superb view of the volcanic mountain, the Teide, the whole party of about 400 returned to the coast to spend an hour or two at a Lido which had been specially reserved.

Back again to the coaches and a visit to a banana packing station, and later into the town for some more shopping. Although the streets seemed much narrower and more crowded than those in Madeira, it was great fun pushing one's way along them and squeezing into little shops that were already crammed with native people.

Friday Work

Saturday

More work. How to apply for a job,

what work involves, interviews for jobs, practical work—goodness!

Sunday

We arrived at Lisbon very early in the morning and were greeted by a huge statue of Christ standing with outstretched arms on the hill top. The statue was flood lit, an impressive sight in the early morning light.

Once again the tour followed the coast and *en route* we stopped at the Tower of Belem, and the famous coach museum which has a fantastic collection of ceremonial royal coaches from all over Europe, dating back to the early 18th century. We also visited the beautiful Jeronimos Monastery and were especially lucky to hear the choir singing Mass that morning. Some of the time we spent walking round the cloisters watching the gargoyles spurring out gallons of water from the pelting rain. When in the afternoon the sun came out, we were able to see something of Lisbon in her customary brilliance.

At the town of Estoril, the girls of our party, including myself, walked in the gardens of the town. The others went to the beach or sat drinking at a pavement café. The gardens were extensive and, although lacking floral arrangements due to the season, they were still lovely and peaceful to walk through.

An hour later, we found ourselves at a place called "The Mouth of Hell". This was on the sea front farther along the coast from Estoril and it was formed by the sea and weather beaten rocks that looked most dangerous and forbidding. In one part the rocks were like a big gaping crater into which the sea rushed in through a hole in the side, every few seconds. Hence the name "The Mouth of Hell."

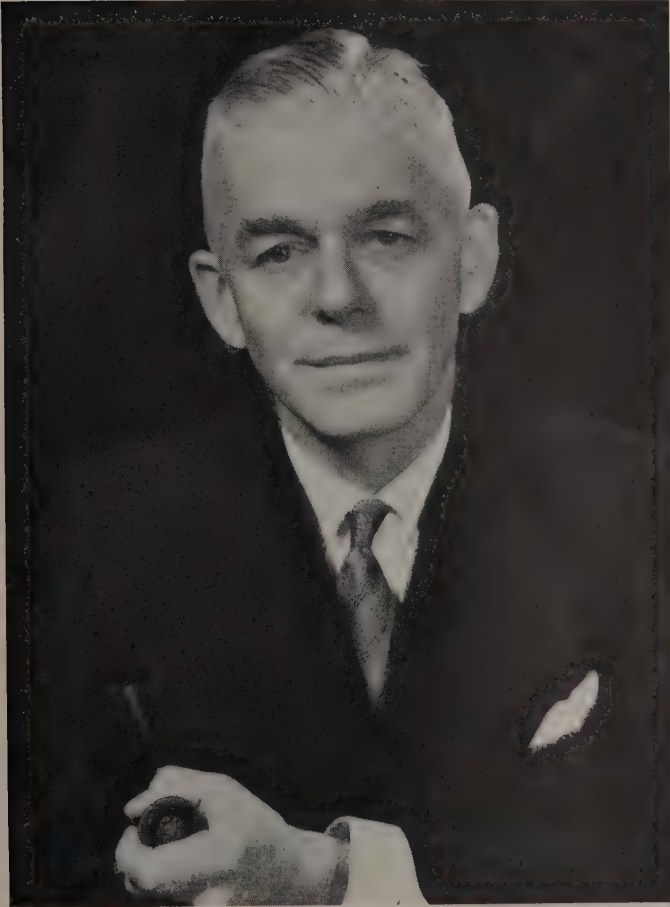
Our last stop of all was at a little shop in Lisbon where all the merchandise was made of cork. The owner told me that he had people coming to see him from all over the world, and that he never sent a long-distance traveller away without giving him a glass of wine. He kept to his word.

It was quite dark as we boarded the *Dunera* for the last time. The students were worn out after a day of fun and laughter and the older people likewise. It wasn't surprising to find the ship rather quiet that night long before bed time.

Next morning we found ourselves once again in the Atlantic sailing for Southampton. Most of the passengers had fears of going through the same weather as we had experienced on the outward journey, but the cruise home was calm.

It is not easy to forget such a holiday.

NEW REGIONAL OFFICERS APPOINTED



Mr. H. J. I. Cunningham

S.E. REGION

Former Anti-Terrorist Officer

A 44-year-old former Colonial Service officer, who was active against the jungle terrorists in Malaya, has been appointed Regional Officer for the South-Eastern Region of England by the National Spastics Society.

He is Mr. Hugh J. I. Cunningham, who now lives with his wife and three children in Witham, Essex.

Mr. Cunningham, who was educated at St. John's College, Southsea, began his career in business in a department of Lloyd's Bank. On the outbreak of war in 1939 he enlisted as a gunner and later volunteered for the Indian Army where he served for five years, being demobilised with the rank of major.

After the war he worked for a few years as secretary to a property investment company before joining the Colonial Administrative Service in 1952.

For three years he served in Malaya, service which involved general administration with practical emergency activities against jungle terrorists. As District Commissioner of the Home Guard he was responsible for the recruitment and re-organisation in the field of 6,000 Chinese and Malay personnel.

In 1956 Mr. Cunningham transferred to Uganda to work on land administration, and from May, 1958, to May of this year he was Assistant Protectorate Agent, Mengo, Buganda, with the duties of Assistant District Commissioner and, on several occasions, of District Commissioner.

Mr. Cunningham speaks fluent Hindustani and understands French, Malay, Luganda and Swahili.

WESTERN REGION

First Woman to Hold Post

THE National Spastic Society have appointed Mrs. A. Mansel-Dyer, of Low Ham, nr. Langport, Somerset, to be their first woman Regional Officer. She will be responsible for the Western Region of England.

Until a few months ago Mrs. Mansel-Dyer was Senior Assistant Organiser of Child Care in the Public Health Department of London County Council, attached to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital for Children.

The third generation of a Dunedin, New Zealand, family, she was educated in various parts of the world and has travelled extensively in Australasia, America, Europe and the Far East. She finished her education in England.

During the war Mrs. Mansel-Dyer was Deputy Food Executive Officer with the Ministry of Food.

Later she decided to work for children and courses in social studies and mental health led to senior administrative positions with the L.C.C.

Both Mrs. Mansel-Dyer and Mr. Cunningham will spend the first few weeks of their appointments visiting their colleagues in other Regions and looking round the Society's schools and centres. They will assume duties in their Regions on the 16th and 15th January respectively.

(Next month we hope to publish a photograph of Mrs. Mansel-Dyer).

Mr. Simon H. Haskell, M.A.

Mr. Haskell has asked us to state that his employment with the Society is as an Educational Psychologist and not in a consultant capacity.

We very much regret that our article on his appointment in the December issue has proved misleading, and offer our apologies to Mr. Haskell.

STORIES OF COURAGE

Spastic Women with Artistic Ability



Another painting takes shape

MISS WINNIE LLOYD, who was born a spastic, loved to paint in oils. Then, after a bad fall, she became paralysed to the neck losing the use of her hands.

Now, however, at Summerfield Hospital, Birmingham, where she has been a patient for four years, Miss Lloyd has learned to paint again . . . this time by holding the brush between her teeth

The head occupational therapist, Miss Linda Crabtree, said, "Miss Lloyd copies postcards and country scenes. She is so good that her work is sold as soon as it is finished. She has pictures all over the hospital!"

Every day Winnie Lloyd takes up her brushes and works on a painting, each of which takes up to three weeks.

MISS GRADY has lived all her life in a very old, little house in Norwich. Until a few years ago the house was rented by her grandmother with whom she lived. It was lit only by gas, and the doors were painted in a dark green. The furniture was old fashioned and the house itself seemed to be dark and tired with age.

Undaunted by the fact that she has suffered from cerebral palsy from birth and can only get around by crawling on hands and knees, Miss Grady has run her house alone ever since her grandmother's death with only the assistance of a home help two hours daily. Aided by a little legacy, Miss Grady had electricity installed and started to beautify her little home. Her first act was to take down a large, rather formidable picture of Kitchener from the wall and she then turned her attention to the dark doors, deciding to paint them herself as far as she could reach and get her friend to hang gay paper on the walls.

Gradually, Miss Grady has saved enough from her small National Assistance grant to buy paint and paper and after a great deal of painful labour the whole house now greets one with cheerfulness and colour. Her aunt has helped her to buy a golden bedspread and cushions and regency striped curtains, and the National Television Fund has recently granted her a television set. The little house has taken on a new lease of life and now glows brightly through its little windows into the street.

Miss Grady is a very happy person, and is treated in a perfectly normal way by her many friends, who pop in to see her every day to tell her all their worries, joys and news.

MISS MARY GLOSSOP, one of the N.S.S. social workers, told us the story of Miss Grady, just one of the many people with courage she meets in the course of her duties.

CHRISTINE also has courage. She is only 16 and eight years ago could do nothing for herself. Now she can walk, read and write—and has even won trophies for swimming.

That is why Christine Gervis, a spastic, who lives at 75 Rutland Street, Rotherham, was chosen as the subject of a "This is Your Life" programme at the Rotherham Junior and Adult Training Centre recently.

Mr. W. R. Sidaway, Rotherham's Mental Health Officer, told the story of Christine who entered the Junior Training Centre in 1953. Four years ago she entered a special residential school in

THIS IS YOUR LIFE

London, returning home at the beginning of last year.

During the time she was at the school, said Mr. Sidaway, she joined a swimming club for physically handicapped people and showed such determination that in July, 1961, she was invited back to the school to receive certificates for swimming 50 yards, 100 yards and 200 yards, and two trophies for showing the most progress during the year.

When Christine entered the training centre at the age of eight she could do nothing for herself. "We would like to feel that training and encouragement have helped," said Mr. Sidaway.

CONTEST HINTS

Group secretaries, planning competitions to raise funds in 1962, might find the following ideas of use. Ask contestants to:—

Guess contents of parcels by touch.

Name three articles they would grab if house was on fire, and give reasons.

Describe the best use for quarter lb. flour.

Choose desert island companions, and give reasons.

Produce the most amusing six lines from a newspaper.

A New Look for 1962

AS a New Year dawns, this might be just the right time to make a few notes on "making the most of ourselves." The following tips have been passed on by Miss Helen M. Bray of Huddersfield, a former beauty consultant who is now a spastic:

Although a great deal is said about paint and powder not being a lot of help, make-up can give a big lift in self-confidence. It is not difficult to put the following instructions into practice by those who have the use of one hand only.

There often comes the plaintiff cry "My skin is so dry," This, odd though it may sound, is due to washing the face too often. Instead, a cleansing lotion should be used. This will dissolve old make-up and the day's grime, and should preferably be used at night before retiring.

In the morning, before making-up, use a little skin tonic. An in expensive recipe for one of these, which is easily made up by a dispensing chemist, is a little orange flower water, a little rosewater, and little witch-hazel, and a dash of surgical spirit. This is not particularly a stringent, but will remove all traces of grease left by the cleansing cream, which are death to any matt make-up.

Up to now we have merely been concerned with preparing the way for making-up. We will now begin the actual process.

A good even base is needed first. This is attained by applying a tinted liquid foundation, which is obtainable in shades to match most complexions.

Now, to form, as an artist would, the contour of the face. For this, rouge is used to make shadows in the correct places, leaving the liquid foundation over the natural skin-tone, to form the highlights. If you are satisfied with the shape of your face, a little rouge high on the cheekbone will prove sufficient, but if you feel nature can be improved upon—a nose or chin fined down—a little shading upon the sides is called for.

To set the foundation, loose powder, or the very popular pressed cake powder, in a shade to match the tinted founda-

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tion, follows, and should be applied with, if the loose variety, a piece of cotton wool. The cake make-up unfortunately, must be applied with the puff provided. Either variety, though, is not scrubbed into the complexion, but pressed into the foundation fairly generously. The surplus is removed with more cotton wool, this being stroked downwards, in order to smooth in the direction of growth the very fine layer of down, which every woman, whether she likes the idea or not, has on her face.

Accent must be added. Namely, the eyes and mouth; eye-make-up having become much more widely used of late. First of all, eyeshadow, which should be chosen if possible to match the clothing, or, if not, to heighten the colour of the eyes. It should be applied lightly, outwards and upwards from the middle of the edge of the upper eyelid. Eye-lash make-up, ought to be chosen to match the natural hair colour, as nearly as possible. The eyebrows should be accentuated with an eyebrow pencil matching the mascara, drawing them in light, feathery strokes that simulate hairs.

The whole beautiful effect is rounded off by a neat hair style—shiningly clean please—which should be set on rollers, so as not to give the hard, tram-line effect so often achieved by perms.

This all takes up some time, but you will agree from the end product it is thoroughly worthwhile. You can be prepared to meet people on their own level, looking and feeling as good as possible.

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Exchange and Purchase of Equipment

WE are pleased to announce the introduction of a new service designed to assist groups in the search for or disposal of secondhand equipment.

The Society now has an Equipment Officer and, under his guidance, from January 1, 1962, it is proposed to introduce a system to facilitate the exchange of equipment between groups. The services of the Local Projects Department are also available to help and advise groups on the purchase of new equipment—in many cases it may well be possible to effect substantial economies.

Within the next week or so group secretaries will be sent details of the new scheme, including forms for their use when requesting information concerning the availability and disposal of secondhand equipment or the acquisition of new equipment. Group secretaries are asked to be as specific as possible when replying.

The new service aims to do no more than introduce a group anxious to obtain a particular item of equipment to another group who claims to have that type of equipment available for disposal. Naturally the Society cannot accept responsibility for the transport or storage of surplus goods, but will gladly advise on these matters.

This is just one of the new services being made available to groups and to spastics in general and with mutual co-operation it should prove a great success.



EMPLOYMENT CORNER

There is more encouraging news from the Employment Front:—

Roy Clarke, from **Grimsby**, who attended the recent Assessment Course in Birmingham, has been working in a local laundry for some months.

Constance Clements, from **Nelson**, is working in the kitchen department of a local hospital.

David Conlon, from **Salisbury**, who was at the Devon Course, is doing assembly work in a local factory.

Eric Day, from **Leicester**, is working in an elastic web factory.

John Gardner, from **Hitchin**, who attended the Birmingham Assessment Course, is doing bench work at a factory in Stevenage.

Susan Haines, from **London**, is working in a local sweet factory.

Anthony Hart, from **Derby**, is doing copying work in the baking department of the local Co-operative Society.

Roland Jarvis, from **Wales**, is teaching in a school in Cambridge.

Jean King, from **Swindon**, is an invoice typist with a local firm of haulage contractors.

Michael Knox, from **Stockton**, after completing a Tickopres Training Course, is working in a local factory.

Maureen McQueen, from **Birmingham**, is now employed as a telephonist.

Joseph Oldham, from **St. Helens**, is doing clerical work in a factory.

Anthony Pottinger, from **Retford**, has been doing various light jobs at High Marnham Power Station since August.

Patrick Rhodes, from **Hastings**, is working in London with a firm of wine merchants.

Cherry Small, from **Woking**, is working at the Arundel Hotel whilst waiting for a vacancy at Sherrards.

Paul Smith, from **Manchester**, is working locally as a gardener.

Carol Stanley, from **Birkenhead**, is with a printing firm.

Andrew Stewart, of **Glasgow**, is working in London in the stationery stores of a business machines organisation.

Robert Tainsh, from **Croydon**, who also attended the Birmingham Assessment Course, is employed with a firm of constructional engineers.

At the time of going to press the Christmas rush continues and new Homeworkers who are helping with this include:—

Barbara Skinner

Maurice Fabb

Edith Patrick

Joyce Mathews

Carole Anderson

Alwyn Todhunter

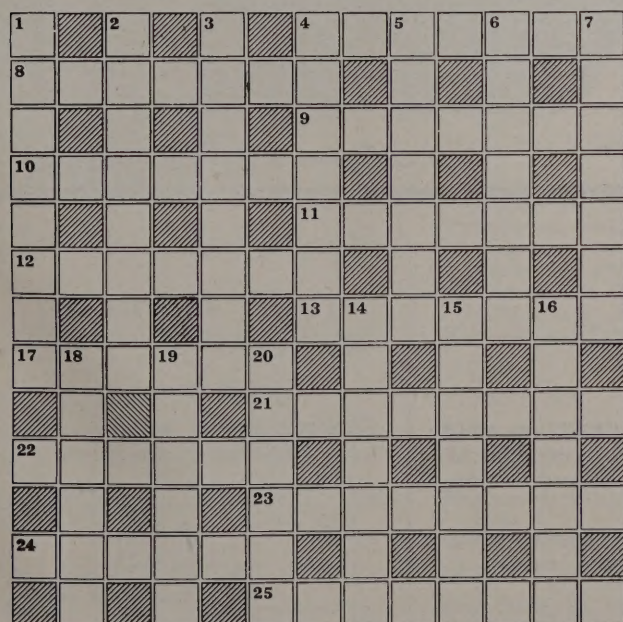
Hazel Nicholls

Alan Bashford

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE No. 21



ACROSS

4. Ghastly when the horse gulps down the cab! 7.
8. One mean thing no lady is inclined to do! 7.
9. Hereafter an alternative to 3. 7.
10. Iris in the bath? Nonsense! 7.
11. She had Theseus on a string. 7.
12. Toe-nail trim in high glee. 7.
13. Back—the last of the field apparently. 7.
17. The wind up among the cedars. 6.
21. Doubtless how the Dodger set about his work. 8.
22. The trader aspirates a willow wand. 6.
23. I am hostile to curtailment of the clinic. 8.
24. Take a header and stick! 6.
25. Shocking bird to meet in the dark. 8.

DOWN

1. Treachery unlikely to spring from any soprano. 8.
2. A river of sugar! 8.
3. Milton was the only one ever to regain it. 8.
4. Gas remarked by Macbeth on his first promotion? 7.
5. "Whose wit in the combat, as gentle as bright, Ne'er . . . a heart-stain away on its blade."—Thomas Moore. 7.
6. The right cross raises his stock in the championship ring. 7.
7. The very limit of fanaticism. 7.
14. All the alternative allowed a gambler. 7.
15. Oil cuts that may influence vision. 7.
16. In Johore now she's Queen of fruits. 7.
18. Are they really lined with precious metal? 6.
19. Form of 20 as suitable entry for Samuel Pepys? 6.
20. "Silent, upon a peak in . . ." Keats. 6.

Group Alterations

Change of Title:

LUTON & DISTRICT SPASTICS SOCIETY

The title of the above group has been changed to: **LUTON, DUNSTABLE & DISTRICT SPASTICS SOCIETY.**

Change of Official:

LUTON, DUNSTABLE & DISTRICT SPASTICS SOCIETY

Treasurer:
D. BOUGHTON, ESQ.,
130 Abbottswood Road,
Luton, Beds.

Change of Address:

NORTH WEST LONDON GROUP

Treasurer:
MRS. E. CHALFIN,
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SOUTH WEST LONDON & DISTRICT

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SOUTH WEST MIDDLESEX GROUP

Chairman:
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49 Runnymede Gardens,
Western Avenue,
Greenford,
Middlesex.

New Affiliation:

GRANTHAM & DISTRICT FRIENDS OF SPASTICS GROUP

Secretary: G. INGLEBY, ESQ.,
Barkston,
Grantham,
Lincs.

Dis-affiliation:

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Corby and District Spastics Society
Derby and District Branch of NSS **T**
Grimsby, Cleethorpes and District Spastics Society **T**
Ipswich and East Suffolk Spastics Society **T**
Leicester and Leicestershire Spastics Society **TE**
Lincoln Branch
Mansfield and District Friends of Spastics Group
Norfolk and Norwich Spastic Association
Northampton and County Spastics Society **TE**
Nottingham Friends of Spastics Group
(Sub-Committee of Nottingham District Cripples Guild) **TEC**
Peterborough and District Spastics Group
Scunthorpe and District Spastic Society **O**
Stamford and District Branch of NSS
(Regional Officer: H. G. Knight, 58 Park Road, Peterborough, Northants. Tel: 67045)

Midland Region

Cannock Chase Spastic Association
Coventry and District Spastics Society **R**
Dudley and District Spastic Group **O**
North Staffordshire Spastics Association **T**
Shrewsbury and District Spastics Group
Stafford and District Spastic Association
Worcester and District Branch of NSS
(Officer to be appointed)

North-Eastern Region

Barnsley and District Association of the NSS **TO**
Bradford and District Branch of the NSS
Castleford and District Spastics Committee
Darlington and District Spastics Society
Dewsbury and District Spastics Society
Goole and District Spastics Association
Halifax and District Group of the NSS **W**
Huddersfield and District Spastics Society
Hull Group, The Friends of Spastics Society in Hull and District **H**
Leeds and District Spastics Society **TE**
Pontefract and District Spastics Association
Rawmarsh and Parkgate Spastics Society
Sheffield and District Spastics Society **TE**
Sunderland and District Spastics Society
Tees-side Parents and Friends of Spastics **TE**
York and District Spastic Group **TE**
(Reg. Off: R. J. F. Whyte, NSS, Trevelyan Chambers, 7 Boar Lane, Leeds 1. Tel: 33933)

North Western Region

Barrow-in-Furness and District Spastic and Handicapped Children's Society **C**
Birkenhead Spastic Children's Society **TE**
Blackburn and District Spastics Group
Blackpool and Fylde Spastic Group **CW**
Bolton and District Group of the NSS **TE**
Burnley Area and Rossendale Spastics Group
Chester and District Spastics Association **TE**

Crewe and District Spastics Society **TO**
Crosby and District Spastic Society
Cumberland, Westmorland and Furness Spastics Society
Lancaster, Morecambe and District Spastics Society
Manchester and District Spastics Society **TE**
Oldham & District Spastics Society **T**
Preston and District Spastic Group **T**
Sale, Altrincham and District Spastics Society **RTEC**
Southport, Formby and District Spastics Society
Stockport, East Cheshire and High Peak Spastics Society **TEW**
Urmston and District Group of the NSS **T**
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Northern Home Counties Region

Bedford and District Branch of NSS **TOW**
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Central Middlesex Spastics Welfare Society **W**
Clacton and District Group of the NSS
Colchester and District Group of the NSS
East Herts Group, Herts Spastics Society
East London Spastic Society **H**
Epping Forest and District Branch of NSS **T**
Essex Group of the NSS
Harlow and District Branch
Hatfield Group and District Spastics Society
Hemel Hempstead and District Group, Herts Spastics Society
Hitchin and District Friends of Spastics
Ilford, Romford and District Spastics Association **O**
Luton and District Spastics Group **T**
Maidenhead Friends of Spastics Group
North London Area Association of Parents and Friends of Spastics **T**
North-West London Group of the NSS
Oxfordshire Spastics Welfare Society **TE**
Reading and District Spastics Welfare Society **TE**
Slough and District Spastics Welfare Society
Southend-on-Sea and District Spastics Society **TEO**
South-West Middlesex Group of the NSS **T**
St. Albans and District Group, Herts Spastics Society
Walthamstow and District Spastics Society
Watford and District Group, Herts Spastics Society
Welwyn Garden City and District Group, Herts Spastics Society
Wycombe and District Spastics Society **T**
(Reg. Off: R. C. Lemarie, 32 High St., Watford. Tel: 41565)

South-Eastern Region

Bournemouth, Poole and District Spastic Society **TE**
Brighton, Hove and District Branch of the NSS **TO**
Central Surrey Group of the NSS **W**
Croydon and District Branch of the NSS **TEW**
East Sussex Group (Hastings and District) **T**

Folkestone and District Branch of NSS
Isle of Wight Spastics Society **TE**
Maidstone Area Group of the NSS **OT**
Medway Towns Branch of NSS
North Hants and West Surrey Group **TE**
North Surrey Group of the NSS **W**
North-West Kent Spastics Group **W**
North-West Surrey Group of the NSS **TE**
Portsmouth and District Spastics Society **TE**
Southampton and District Spastics Association **TOW**
South-East London Group of the NSS **T**
South-East Surrey Group of the NSS **TO**
South London Group of the NSS
South-West London and District Group of the NSS
South-West Surrey Group of the NSS **TE**
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West Kent Spastics Society—Incorporating Bromley and District Spastics Group
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Welsh Region (including Mon.)

Cardiff and District Spastic Association **TO**
Colwyn Bay and District Branch of the NSS
Conway and District Branch of NSS
Kenfig Hill and District Spastics Society **TO**
Merthyr Tydfil and District Spastics Society
Pontypridd and District Branch of the NSS
Swansea and District Spastic Association **TW**
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Western Region

Bridgewater and District Friends of Spastics Association **TE**
Bristol Spastics Association **CTOW**
Cheltenham Spastics Aid Association **ET**
Exeter and District Spastics Society
Plymouth Spastic (CP) Association **ETW**
Swindon and District Spastic Society
Yeovil and District Spastics Welfare Society
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